

Dear Committee,

I would like to make my views known on the current attempts by the legislature to restrict my 2nd Amendment Rights. I am not in favor of any further restrictions on my Constitutional Right to keep and bear arms for the following reasons:

1. This is an exercise in the collectivization of guilt which is a fascist concept. Nowhere else in our society do we punish one group of people for the actions of an individual or individual. I am a law abiding gun owner now being considered guilty of a potential future (extremely unlikely) crime. This is clearly un-Constitutional.
2. These actions clearly demonstrate an extreme prejudice against a particular class of people for emotional or more sinister reasons.
3. These actions clearly violate my 2nd Amendment Rights which give me the "right to keep and bear arms" and which further states that this right "shall not be infringed". It is not appropriate for any governing body in this country to pick and choose which of my Constitutional rights can be taken away from me and my fellow citizens.
4. None of the proposals address the stated problem of reducing gun violence but rather advance a particular (historically) totalitarian agenda. A look at the facts would show that the overwhelming majority of gun violence in the United States occurs in the inner city with illegal guns. Why is the Committee not addressing that issue? Why is the Committee not enforcing existing laws in these urban areas and protecting our citizens there?
5. Civilian disarmament is a flawed concept; it does not work. Taking guns away from law abiding citizens does not reduce crime and only results in the general population being at the mercy of criminals. It will expose the population to violent home invasions (Cheshire), heavily armed gangs (estimated at 2 million gang members, all armed, in the U.S.) and an embolden criminal class. Prohibition did not work, the War on Drugs is a disaster and we cannot keep millions of illegal immigrants from swarming over our borders so how can any Committee member tell the citizens of Connecticut that the State will be able to keep guns out of the hands of criminals and the mentally imbalanced? You can't.
6. The only effect these tyrannical, un-Constitutional bills will do will be to deprive me of my Rights, as a law abiding citizen, to protect my family. As a student of history I am only too aware of the track record of regimes who have disarmed their populace.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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